I'M HOME.
USA...
SEN-PAI?
I...
YOU?
I WANT...
...A MAN!

USA-KUN, ACTU-ALLY...
IT'S HARD TO BE-LIEVE...
BUT EARLIER, THEY SMASHED THEIR HEADS TO-GETHER WHEN THEY TRIPPED IN THE YARD.

I WANT A MAN WHO'S FIRM, BOTH IN BEHAVIOR AND A VARIETY OF OTHER WAYS.
WHY ARE YOU TALKING LIKE MAYUMI-SAN? WHAT ABOUT ME?
SEN-PAI?!

RIT-CHAN.
RIGHT, MAYU...
WHAAAT?!
THEY SEEM TO HAVE SWITCHED PERSONAL-ITIES WHENIT HAPPENED.

SHE'S NOT CARELESSLY EXPOSING HER ONLY ASSETS...
AND SHE'S READING A NORMAL BOOK INSTEAD OF SOMETHING LIKE "30 STEPS TO BECOMING A SUCCESSFUL WOMAN" THAT'S CLEARLY MEANT FOR LOSERS?!
...
!
MAYUMI-SAN'S SHIRT IS BUTTONED TO THE TOP?!

YOU'RE SO MEAN, RIT-CHAN!
I JUST WANTED TO TEASE USA WITH A CLASSIC PRANK!
BUT YOU RUINED MY WEEKEND WITH A SINGLE HEARTLESS STATEMENT!
DO YOU ENJOY HURTING ME? DO YOU?!
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SAID, "I JUST HAVE TO CHEERLESSLY READ BOOKS," TO BE RIT-CHAN.
HEH HEH HEH
YEAH, BUT SHE DIDN'T HAVE TO DO THAT...
IT DOESN'T BOTHER ME.
BE-SIDES...
SUMIKO-SAN CAME UP WITH IT.
SHE SAID, "HE'LL INSTANTLY KNOW YOU'RE MAYUMI-SAN."
WHA... SUMI...? WAIT... THAT SERI-OUSLY HURTS.

AT LEAST I DIDN'T SAY YOU'D SLEEP WITH ANYONE.
STOP, YOU'RE HURTING ME...
"CAREER AND MUSCLES"
I MEANT A FIRM
YOU DID A GOOD JOB, TOO.
YOU GUYS ARE SO MEAN
I'M A DELICATE PERSON
SHE SAID YOU'D BE SHOCKED.
...
WERE YOU SURPRISED?
I'M AS DELICATE AS A SUNFISH
YOU'RE SO MEAN
I WAS SHOCKED!
I THOUGHT MAYUMI-SAN HAD INFECTED YOU.
GOT YOU BACK.
FOR PUSHING PEOPLE AGAINST WALLS.

I HAVE TO DESTROY YOU AND LIVE OFF THAT MEAGER SENSE OF ACCOMPLISHMENT.
WHY DON'T YOU DRAW INSPIRATION FROM YOUR BOOK FOR SUCCESSFUL WOMEN?
I DON'T NEED THAT! I NEED "CATCHING HIGH CLASS MEN! INCREASING YOUR FEMININE APPEAL"
THAT'S EVEN WORSE.
BUT I COULD TEACH YOU ABOUT FEMININE APPEAL.
YOU DON'T HAVE FEMININE APPEAL! YOU CONSTRUCT AND REMODEL IT!
BUT I'M ALL NATURAL!
MY FEMININE APPEAL EXPLODES THROUGH THREE BUTTONS!
RIP
SHE REALLY HAS NO DIGNITY.

NOW, NOW.
YOU BOTH HAVE PLENTY OF OUTWARD FEMININE APPEAL. WHY DON'T YOU COMPETE IN SOME OTHER WAY?
AREN'T YOUR DUCK LIPS GETTING OLD? WHY DON'T YOU BUILD SOMETHING NEW?
AREN'T YOUR ASSETS GETTING RUSTY FROM OVERUSE?
YOU'RE GETTING OLD ENOUGH THAT THEY'RE BECOMING OFFENSIVE TO LOOK AT.
ORTHODOX FEMININITY
正統派女子力♡
PERSONALI—
LIKE YOUR ABILITY TO COOK!
WHAT?
THIS IS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO TRY IT.
YOU, TOO, RITCHAN.
PAIN IN THE ASS...
I'LL LEARN TO COOK EVENTUALLY.
AT THE VERY LEAST, I'M PROBABLY BETTER THAN THESE TWO.

彼ちゃんは
女子力の
低さにショックだろ
二人は
人間力が
足りないと思う
♪ピロン♪
RING-A-LING
RIT-CHAN, YOU SHOULD WORK ON YOUR COMMUNICATION SKILLS BEFORE WORRYING ABOUT YOUR FEMININITY.
WELL, YOU TWO NEED TO WORK ON YOUR HUMANITY.
SAKUMA'S MAKING BEAN CAKES AND WILL BRING SOME BY THIS EVENING.
SAKUMA
SENPAI! WILL YOU BE AT KAWAII COMPLEX THIS EVENING?
SURE THING.
SAKUMA
I'M MAKING BEAN CAKES RIGHT NOW! I'LL BRING YOU SOME!
OH, MY
あら♡
WHAT A CUTE APRON.
SAKUMA-KUN'S BEATING ALL OF YOU.
ARE YOU ALL ON THE SAME LEVEL?
I'M DEFINITELY BETTER THAN THESE TWO!
AND SO...
女の最底辺になりそうな危機感。
THEY ARE IN DANGER OF SINKING TO THE LOWEST LEVEL OF FEMININITY.

A CONTEST.
TO MAKE SOMETHING TO INCREASE THEIR FEMININITY, AND COMPARE HOW EACH DISH TASTES.
THEY INSISTED THEY'D BE FINE WITHOUT SUMIKO-SAN,
BUT ARE WE SURE THEY'LL BE ALL RIGHT?
THEY FINALLY WANT TO DO IT. LET'S NOT GET IN THEIR WAY.
WHAT SHOULD WE COOK? LET'S FIND A RECIPE...
"EASY BUT LOOKS GOOD," "SUPER EASY AND DELICIOUS," "FOOLS MEN"...
THOSE ARE AWFUL SEARCH TERMS.
FOLLOWING A RECIPE IS TOO BASIC AND BORING.
MAYBE I'LL TRY ADDING MY OWN TOUCH.
THEY'RE ALREADY SAYING DISTURBING THINGS.
DESPERATELY FOLLOWING A RECIPE SEEMS AS FAR FROM FEMININE AS YOU CAN GET.
YOU DON'T NEED TO BE FEMININE WHILE YOU'RE COOKING.
I SEE HER STYLE IS BREAKING EVERY BEGINNER'S TABOO.

I'M FOLLOWING THE RECIPE.
IMPROVISING SOUNDS HARD.
I'LL ADD UNIQUENESS TO MINE WITH A SECRET INGREDIENT...
LIKE A LEGALLY QUESTIONABLE HERB.
EVEN THOUGH SHE'S STATING THE OBVIOUS, SENPAI SEEMS BRILLIANTLY FEMININE.
OH? SWEET POTATOES... THIS LOOKS EASY.
I'M SURE EVEN THEY COULD MANAGE THAT...
CRUSH STEAMED POTATOES, MIX IN MELTED BUTTER, MILK, AND SUGAR. FORM INTO SHAPES AND BRUSH WITH EGG YOLKS. PUT THEM IN THE OVEN AND GO!
Go!
WE WON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT!
EVEN IF THE SECRET INGREDIENT IS ILLEGAL HERBS?
THE INGREDIENTS ARE SWEET POTATOES AND...
HUH?
WE DON'T HAVE SWEET POTATOES, BUT REGULAR ONES SHOULD BE FINE.
THE "SWEET" PART DISAPPEARED...
WE DON'T HAVE BUTTER, EITHER.

RUSTLE
WHERE ARE THE POTS?
NOW THEY'RE MAKING POTATO SALAD.
THE FIRST DISH A GRADE SCHOOLER LEARNS TO MAKE...
WHY NOT USE MAYONNAISE?
IT'S A DAIRY PRODUCT, TOO.
OH! I FOUND SOMETHING NEAT.
I CAN MAKE THIS.
I CAN MAKE A GREAT AND FEMININE DISH WITH THIS...!
I GUESS SOMETHING A CHILD CAN MAKE UNASSISTED IS CONSIDERED COOKING NOW...

TEXT: JUST ADD MILK!

WHAT? IS IT?
THIS BATTLE IS ABOUT HOW CLEVER YOU ARE.
I WIN...
IF I MIX IN SOME HEART-SHAPED ONES, I'LL HAVE MADE SWEETS TO DELIGHT VIRGINS LIKE USA...!
SHE REALLY LOVES VIRGINS, DOESN'T SHE?
I FEEL LIKE WE'RE GETTING AWAY FROM THE POINT.
BUT BEING INEXPERIENCED AND RELYING ON RECIPES...
THAT'S NOT SOMETHING A PERSON USING MOSTLY AN INSTANT DESSERT SHOULD SAY...
DO YOUR BEST WITH THE FEMININITY YOU HAVE NOW!
MAYBE I'LL MAKE HOT SPRING EGGS.
I'M PRETTY GOOD AT THOSE.
HOT SPRING ..?
I DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT IS, BUT IT SOUNDS CUTE.
IS IT A WEST IDEN SWEET?

WHAT A DELICIOUS-LOOKING HOT SPRING EGG
HOT SPRING EGG
THAT'LL BE 350 YEN
RIT-CHAN IS SOME THING WRONG?
...!
THEY MADE THE SAME THING?!
HOT SPRING EGG
I TAUGHT YOU HOW TO MAKE THAT
CRUNCH
URGH
BUT YOU'RE WAY BETTER THAN MAYUMI-SAN!
IT'S GOOD!

WHAT?!
WITH THE FEMININITY INSIDE YOU!
UNFORTUNATELY, I'M A MAN!
YOU TRY MAKING SOMETHING!
DON'T INSULT INSTANT DESSERTS!
I DIDN'T INSULT INSTANT DESSERTS!

I PUT VANILLA ICE CREAM ON TOP.
I FOUND PANCAKE MIX.
AND BLUEBERRIES
PAN CAKE

NOBODY LIKES YOU.
SHE'D SEEM EVEN MORE PATHETIC IF SHE HIT YOU, SO SHE'S HITTING ME INSTEAD
ゴス WHUD
ゴス WHUD
YOU SHOULD LET THE WOMAN WIN.
TSK
I'D HAVE TO PEEL AND CUT A BANANA IF I WANTED AN INSTANT DESSERT COOK TO WIN!
EVEN RABBIT-SHAPED APPLES COULD BEAT YOU!
WHAT
IT LOOKS GOOD.
AMAZ-ING.
RIT-CHAN, DON'T YOU HAVE ANY PRIDE?!
HOW CAN YOU BE SO PROUD?
COME TO THINK OF IT, SEN-PAI LIKES SWEETS.
YOU CAN HAVE IT.

OH.
SHE MAKES IT LOOK SO GOOD.
MAKES ME WANT TO LEARN OTHER RECIPES.
WAIT, WHY AM I TRYING TO BECOME MORE FEMININE?
I'LL MAKE YOU MORE ANYTIME.
YOU SHOULD MAKE SOMETHING, TOO.
I'LL EAT YOUR EGGS ANYTIME.
LET'S HAVE SOME REAL FUN WITH EGGS, TOO!
THAT'S IT.
THAT'S WHERE YOUR FEMININITY COMES FROM.
HOT SPRING EGGS
温泉たまご
YOU CAN'T WANT THEM ALL THE TIME...

FEMININITY ASIDE...
SOMETHING NEEDS TO CHANGE.
SAYAKA-CHAN, DON'T YOU WANT TO LIVE ON YOUR OWN?
WHAT?
LET'S START PRACTICING NOW!
TWICE A MONTH.
YOU, TOO, RIT-CHAN!
WHAT?!
I CAN ATTEND MY FIRST-CHOICE SCHOOL FROM HERE.
BUT YOUR SITUATION COULD CHANGE.
LEARNING TO COOK CAN'T HURT.

I SEE... IT'S NOT IMPOSSIBLE THAT SHE'LL LEAVE.
WHY AREN'T YOU INVITING ME TO PRACTICE?
BECAUSE YOU CAN'T SEE ME LEAVING?
IS THAT WHAT IT MEANS?
UM...
THEN WHEN I'M NOT STUDYING...
OR READING...
YOU DON'T WANT TO DO THIS AT ALL, DO YOU?
MAYUMI-CHAN, OF COURSE YOU CAN PRACTICE WITH US! YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO DO ANYTHING BY YOURSELF
YOU SAID "BY YOURSELF!"
WAAAH
こんちは
HELLO!
SENPAI, I BROUGHT BEAN CAKES!
AND...

DAMN IT, SAKUMA'S HERE!
THIS ALL HAPPENED BECAUSE HE WORE THAT STUPID APRON.
SHIINA.
HELLO, SENPAI.
I WAS AT SAKUMA'S PLACE GETTING BEAN CAKES, SO I CAME.
SAKUMA'S GRANDMA GAVE ME SOME
I WASN'T DOING ANY-THING TODAY, SO I BAKED MADELEINES.
BAKING'S MY HOBBY.
IT HELPS RELIEVE STRESS.
YOU CAN HAVE SOME OF THESE, TOO.

OVER-WHELM-ING FEMIN-INITY
STRESS RELIEF METHODS: GETTING HAMMERED AND INSULTING PEOPLE
WOULD YOU LIKE SOME TEA?
NO, WE'RE GOING OUT TO EAT.
SEE YOU MONDAY, SENPAI.
SHE CAME,
DISPLAYED HER FEMIN-INITY, AND LEFT.
THEY'RE GOOD...

THERE'S NOTHING SHIINA-SAN CAN'T DO.
...
BUT I...
SHE'S A GREAT BAKER.
THEY REALLY ARE GOOD.
I PREFER YOUR
HOT SPRING EGG.
...
GULP
DON'T TRY TO CHEER ME UP.
THAT CAN'T BE POSSIBLE
そんなわけない
SHOVE
でしっ
BUT IT'S TRUE.
I'M GOING TO MY ROOM.

...
...
YOU WENT FOR IT.
UNUSUALLY ENOUGH
YOU SURE DID.
UNUSUALLY ENOUGH
SHUT UP.
SHAME!
MA-YUMI-CHAN.
SAYAKA-CHAN.
WE'LL PRACTICE COOKING NEXT WEEK.
WHAT?!
WHEN DID YOU DECIDE THAT?!
JUST NOW.
SUMIKO-SAN.

WHEN WILL
WE PRACTICE COOKING...?
OH あっ...
I THOUGHT YOU WENT TO YOUR ROOM.
HEE HEE.
IS THAT...
...FEMININITY, TOO?